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SUPPORT FOR THE AMENDMENTS

The claims have been amended where appropriate to indicate that the Group VIII metal catalyst is palladium. This is the preferred metal catalyst, as set forth in the last sentence of paragraph [0030] of the specification.

It is believed there is no possibility of new matter.

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REMARKS

Claim 1-30 are in the case.

The claims have been rejected as follows: Claims 1-15 and 18-23 as anticipated by Koch (U.S. 3,183,278); Claims 16-17, 24, 27 and 28 as anticipated by Nowack (U.S. 3,912,787); and Claims 25, 26, 29, and 30 as obvious over Nowack in view of Dunkel (U.S. 1,965,956).

None of the references suggest the use of a catalyst consisting of palladium to reduce naphthalene concentration in a naphthalene containing aromatic fluid, as set forth in the present claims. Therefore, none of these references of record, alone or in continuation, can fairly suggest the present invention.

Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that the rejections be withdrawn.

It is believed that the present Application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

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